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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Edward G. Lansdale, USAF
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Mr. []

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This will acknowledge and thank you for your memorandum to Mr. Dulles dated 10 October 1961 on the subject of a promotion for []

As you well know, Mr. Dulles and I have a high regard for [] and the contribution he is making to smooth operational and administrative relationships between the Agency and the Department of Defense. Your flattering comments about his work bear out our own impressions.

On the specific question of promotion, [] is now a GS-15 and any advancement would require the commitment of a super-grade slot. These are in such short supply now that literally scores of senior GS-15 operations officers are vying for a handful of positions. I can assure you that we will give most careful attention to your recommendation, but, in view of the circumstances just cited, we are not able at this writing to make any promise.

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Personal

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN DULLES

Among your many daily chores, can you squeeze in one more? It's on something which I suspect will take your personal doing, or it won't get done.

The need is a promotion for [] While he has never mentioned this subject to me, and is unaware that I am writing to you about it, I do know that a number of persons with lesser responsibilities both in the Agency and in Defense have been promoted ahead of him, for the understandable reason that they have had organizational "mamas and papas" looking out for them. You and I are about all that [] [] really has.

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Since he has been helping, over here in Defense with CIA relationships, I know from first-hand how valuable his services have been to you and the Agency, as well as to Defense. In the difficult period of developments in the paramilitary field, in national level policy reviews, in improvements of staffing Defense support, and in some of the more sensitive aspects of our Intelligence reorganization, [] has been quietly and constructively effective, for long hours daily, and has made notable contributions. He has earned a marked place in the esteem of top echelons in the Defense establishment, for his integrity and his thorough analysis of problem areas.

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The results, in terms of teamwork between CIA and Defense, indicate that he must have been working in the same quiet and effective manner within CIA as he has within Defense.

I hope that you will be able to give some personal consideration to his case, since I know your own regard for him. These few words from me might be of help to you in considering [] career in the midst of so many other problems you face.

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